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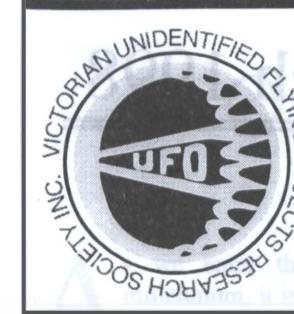
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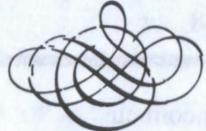
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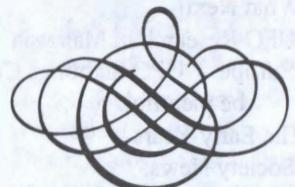
For quite a while now we have been "swamped" with silence regarding what we consider good quality UFO Sightings. Now and again there appears to be a reasonably reliable and interesting report, but most objects appear to do nothing our conventional objects - or balloons - cannot do. Unfortunately, witnesses pay very little attention to weather conditions, time or even the date, and direction of where they were looking at the time of the sighting, therefore curtailing our investigations by having to make further enquiries through other avenues. Since some of the best reports occurred in the late 50's though the 60's and were not so "colored" by the media in those days, and also, quite a number of our readers would not have been around, or else too young to appreciate the subject, so we are, like many other reputable organisations overseas, returning to the "Early Days" in order to keep you better informed.

We are indeed fortunate in having reliable contacts world wide, who can keep us informed of important and significant new evidence from some of these early encounters.

This edition contains an excellent interview by FRANKLIN CARTER who interviewed CHESTER CRUSINSKI, an American sailor who was on the ship FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. Although this particular encounter took place years ago, it is not widely known that the ship was the first to have atomic apparatus aboard.

We also have the Betty/Barney Hill case, taken from very old press cuttings and records. Some of the medical tests carried out on them were not practised in our medical establishments until about 10 years later.

At our next meeting we will continue with the video on the KGB files and will have any news which comes up re books, videos or UFO's between printing this and the meeting. It is probably the only place one can 'air their views' on the subject of UFO's with an air of respectability.



ON THE UFO TRAIL

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As we enter the final year of the millennium, it is impossible to prevent attempting assessment of the minute progress made in the investigation of the UFO phenomenon.

The most outstanding gain which comes to my attention is the big jump in public acceptance, of the reality of the phenomenon.

Back in the forties and fifties, the Gallup Poll indicated only 15% of the population believed the phenomenon was a reality. Today, at the end of the millennium that percentage has grown to over 50%. No doubt, this is possibly due to the fact that people are observing or taking more notice of reports, but some of this increase may be attributed to TV programs, in spite of the fact that most programs are "Hollywoodized" with very low accuracy content.

I have noticed some programs included cases in which I have been involved or at least acquainted with researchers who participated in the investigation of those incidents.

I interviewed three witnesses a couple years ago, concerning an alleged report of a large light and some smaller lights. I strongly suspected 'stars', but never-the-less followed up on the report. One of my specific questions was "at any time did the smaller lights join up with the larger light?" The answer was 'no'. Sighting Report Forms left with witnesses, were never returned to the Society. Later, when a TV program was televised regarding the incident, one would have thought the light was from Close Encounters of the Third Kind - joined by smaller lights!

I believe some small gain has been made in progress during the past few years due to co-operation from a few scientists, for which veteran UFOlogists are grateful.

Two or three decades ago the prominent opinion among orthodox scientists was that life on Earth was an accident and was unlikely or impossible elsewhere in the Universe. Now that viewpoint is giving way because of expanding thinking and the discovery of more galaxies and planets. Knowledge is also expanding in other fields of endeavour not confined only to our limited surroundings.

In the past the problem was securing the assistance of scientists. I recall that during the investigation of the White Acres Case in Gippsland, where a UFO hovered over a water storage tank and pulled water out of the tank, leaving algae - normally on the bottom - stuck to the sides of the tank before the object landed on the ground, where it left a circle. Water stood on this circle like beads of mercury, indicating that the composition of the soil had changed. We took samples of the soil to scientists for analysis. The remark made was that there was a peculiarity but it was most likely due to faulty test equipment. Now this problem has been solved, thanks to other scientists who are doing thorough analyses on one of our other cases.

One of our improvising members, Mrs. Vera White, after scientific analysis failed, planted seed in three containers of soil taken from the centre of the circle, from the edge of the circle and from 40 metres outside the circle. Seed planted in soil from the centre did not sprout, seeds from the edge were stunted and seed

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planted in soil from 40 metres away grew normally.

One mystery partially solved was 'what makes a compass behave radically when placed in a freshly found circle soon after an object has rested on the spot?' This was discovered in August 1991, while on an investigating trip in England. I had purchased a high tech. magnetometer and with a colleague, visited a newly made crop circle. On 3rd August the instrument showed a deviation to the positive. Next day there was a deviation to the negative. We realized then the compass deviation was caused by an erratic field. On occasions, crop circles have been created by hoaxers who pop up in all fields of endeavour, but when checks have been carried out the flaws have been discovered. The outstanding hoaxers Doug and Dave, met their downfall when they demonstrated their method of deception. When crops were flattened by boards, wheat would not stay flat and neither were the hoaxed circles sharply defined.

Much mystery still remains in the so called 'Abduction' field, when notoriety commenced with the Betty, Barney Hill case in 1961, although similar stories have been hinted at through the ages.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

It has been brought to our attention by numerous people claiming to have 'phoned VUFORS that they have received very large 'phone bills - one over \$300. The most recent was an interstate lady who 'phoned a number expecting to speak to a researcher who could assist her. Using her own words she "had to listen to a lot of twaddle then received a bill for \$35". She was understandably very irate. Fortunately that misrepresentation was clarified.; Please inform people our line is only a STANDARD CALL rate!

Note our new Sightings Report Line Ad. on Page 31.

I visited Betty Hill in her home for a weekend on two occasions, where I was made very welcome. Betty was much interested in the Frederich Valentich Case and therefore conversation was mutual.

It is not generally known that the radar station at Peace Air Force Base detected an unknown object in the same area of the Hills' encounter on that night. The information was found by Professor James McDonald who will no doubt go down in history as the most energetic scientist to have investigated the UFO phenomenon.

The abduction/contactee phase of UFOlogy is the most difficult to investigate. It requires professional psychologists, hypnotherapists and others who will be available, if required, often at short notice. Some who report such experiences are very disturbed, some even suicidal and require medical attention. We have been successful in helping a number of people out of their moods, and others refer to professional people. We have also found some to be extremely untruthful; most have had dreams and/or experiences they are trying to cope with. A few have been outright deceivers, making attempts to create artificial evidence for monetary gain or for notoriety or both!

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Classic Encounter

Our newer members need to have some of the thoroughly investigated and documented cases reviewed for them from time to time, particularly those that remain for decades without further challenge to the contemporary findings. The abduction case of Betty and Barney Hill is an instance.

Shortly after the investigation, our archives received a donation of press cuttings from Mr Anthony P. Lake of London, out of respect for the integrity of our newsletter to which he subscribed. His donation consisted mainly of five "major spread" weekly articles by John G. Fuller, published in London's Sunday Mirror. I have reviewed these, together with our own collection. I found the coverage to be informative and historically significant.

Betty and Barney Hill, an American couple, who were driving home through the White Mountains in New Hampshire at 10 pm on September 9th, 1961, believe they were abducted by aliens into a U.F.O., and subjected to medical examination. Their experience resulted in a time loss of two hours.

The Journey

For over an hour as they drove, they observed a strong light which they first thought was a moving star, then, because of its movement, an off course satellite. On several occasions they stopped to walk their dog which had become restless. At these stops, they used their binoculars to observe the object which, now that it was closer to them, they could not identify as any known craft. It was cigar



Review of: The Betty and Barney Hill Story 1961

By Joan Price

shaped, huge and emitted a series of colored lights. It appeared to be spinning, but no noise was heard.

At a certain point, Barney became aware that they were being observed. The object was circling them. They drove slowly to Cannon Mountain. At a darkened point known to them as *the old man of the mountain*, they saw the object only a few hundred feet to their right, and on a parallel course to them.

Using the binoculars, Betty saw two rows of windows on a constructed craft which continued to emit colored lights, but with no sensation of spinning as before. She asked Barney to stop so he could use the binoculars. They agreed that the U.F.O. was huge, but distance and altitude were hard to judge in those circumstances. They drove on, and when Barney again stopped and got out of the car, leaving the motor running, they were at Indian Head.

The U.F.O. was then hovering not more than two tree tops high, and about a short city block away from them. Its full shape was then apparent for the first time, and appeared as a large, glowing pancake. Barney was scared, but walked a short way towards it using the binoculars. The U.F.O. came closer, revealing its width to be the distance between three telegraph poles, and having two rows of windows. For a reason he was never able to explain, he found himself walking across a field towards the U.F.O., which was raked on an angle towards him. Fin like projections on either side, each with red lights, were sliding out as it lowered. The windows curved all around the craft. The pancake like disk was now glowing with brilliant white light, but there was still no sound.

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Shaken, but experiencing an irresistible impulse to move closer, he continued across the field. He was fifty feet away when it stopped to the top of a tall tree level. Betty, waiting in the car, became aware that he had disappeared into the darkness, and called him to come back, but there was no reply.

Barney, still using the binoculars, saw about six living figures wearing black uniforms beyond the windows. They were staring at him as the craft tilted towards him. Betty, still in the car, now two hundred feet away, continued to call him but he did not hear her. All beings behind the windows, except one, now stepped back to a panel a few feet behind them. Barney thought of the remaining one as the leader. The U.F.O.'s final descent was a few feet at a time, extending its "fins", and finally, a ladder like structure from its underside.

In terror, Barney tried to pull the binoculars away from his eyes and run back to Betty, but found himself physically incapable of movement. He saw the eyes of the "leader", and knew he had never seen eyes like them before. His terror increased, but he summoned all his energy, and was shortly able to wrench the binoculars away and turn to the car. He was near hysteria, jammed the car into first gear and sped down the road, shouting that he was sure they were going to be captured. He asked Betty to check on the U.F.O., but she could only see darkness above and behind them.

Suddenly they heard a strange electronic beeping noise from the boot of the car, which seemed to vibrate. The rhythm was irregular (beep, beep-beep, beep, beep). They each began to feel an odd tingling sensation, and a kind of daze overcame them. Some time later, how long they were not sure, they again became aware of the beeping rhythm, but this time it was regular (beep, beep, beep, beep). As it became louder their awareness returned, and found themselves moving along in the car with Barney at the wheel. They were silent, numb and somnambulistic. A road sign indicated that they were in the vicinity of Ashland, some 35 miles south of Indian Head where the inexplicable beeping first sounded. After a time, Betty saw a road sign indicating that Concord was 17 miles away. Barney remembered that this is where their minds finally cleared.

It was nearly daylight when they reached home. Both their watches had stopped and never went again. The kitchen clock read a little after 5 am. They had expected to reach home by 3 am at the latest. A time loss of two hours was unaccounted for.

Disturbing Aftermath

When Barney unloaded the car he found that the strap of the binoculars which had been around his neck, had broken in half, and the toe caps of his shoes were badly scuffed and scored across the top. They were both now experiencing a clammy feeling that they could not explain. Barney examined his groin and lower abdomen which seemed to bother him. They reviewed what had happened and retired to bed. After sleeping until 3 pm, Betty telephoned her sister Janet, and told of some of their experiences. Janet suggested that they could make a rough check for radiation on the surface of the car with a compass. Betty did this and found a dozen or so shiny spots about the size of a large coin. They appeared as though they had been buffed on over a circular stencil. She placed the compass on each, and the needle jumped and began spinning each time, but was normal on all other areas of the car.

In the meantime, Janet had spoken to a former Chief of Police for Newtown N.H., who suggested that Betty telephone the Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, a strategic Air Force Command installation. Betty did this, and when told of the fin like side extensions with red lights, the officer's interest quickened, and he asked to speak to Barney. From this officer, Barney learned of other reports similar to his own. This removed Barney's fear of being considered irrational. Barney then suggested they go into separate rooms and each sketch their view of the U.F.O.. These proved to be remarkably alike.

First Nightmares Begin

About ten days after their experience, Betty began having nightmares each night, which continued to plague her throughout the day. They ceased after

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five nights, but returned to them both many times later.

What To Do?

At first they both feared ridicule, so remained silent and had no conscious awareness of what had happened to them during the time loss. Both had a nagging feeling that something must have happened because of the nightmares and physical discomfort they experienced, but neither could account for their conditions. Desperation forced Betty to write to Washington for assistance. This resulted some time later in a visit from Walter Webb, the scientific advisor to the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). He occasionally investigated the more serious and puzzling U.F.O. reports in the New England area. He was extremely sceptical about cases involving sightings of living beings, and was very reluctant to talk with the Hills.

Walter Webb Interrogates

His investigation started at noon and continued until after 8 pm without interruption. He is quoted as saying, "I was amazed, impressed by both the Hills and their accounts."

He cross examined them together, separately, together, re questioned them again and again. He said, "I tried to make them slip up somewhere, and I couldn't. I simply couldn't. Theirs was an iron clad story."

After studying his notes, checking weather and compass positions, the moon and planets, their detailed descriptions of the craft and their sketches for five days, he made his official report. He concluded it with, "It is the opinion of this investigator, after questioning these people for over six hours, and studying their reactions during that time, that they are telling the truth, and the incident occurred exactly as reported, except for some minor uncertainties and technicalities that must be tolerated in any such observation where human judgement is involved. I was impressed by their intelligence, apparent honesty and obvious desire to

get at the facts, and to underplay the more sensational aspect of the sighting."

Health Deteriorates

By mid 1962, Barney's discomfort had become ill health. A series of warts appeared in an almost geometrically perfect ring on his groin. High blood pressure had returned and an ulcer had developed. He sought medical aid. His physician recommended psychiatric assistance to combat his exhaustion. Barney agreed, and a long process of therapy began under Dr Duncan Stephens of Exeter N.H.. After a year, Dr Stephens thought it advisable to have the opinion of Dr Benjamin Simon.

Dr Simon's Hypnosis Therapy

Dr Simon, a distinguished Boston Psychiatrist and Neurologist, agreed to treat the Hills. During World War II, he had been Chief of Neuro Psychiatry and Executive Officer at Mason General Hospital, the American Army's chief psychiatric centre. He had remarkable success with hypnosis in the treatment of psychiatric disorders. Dr Simon's attitude to U.F.O.'s was neutral.

After the first consultation, he decided to open up the amnesia, if this is what the condition turned out to be, and to find out what happened during the two hours time loss. He would penetrate the amnesia through hypnosis. He also tape recorded the therapeutic sessions to preserve an accurate record. The Hills were in cautious, medically conservative hands. It was January 1964 when they arrived for the first of five sessions.

Barney's Story

Dr Simon worked firstly with Barney alone. Taking him through every detail of the entire journey with the expectation that Barney would bridge the amnesia gap under hypnosis. Dr Simon would block out Barney's memory again after each session, which would permit Betty to give her own story in later sessions, without influence from Barney.

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Under hypnosis, Barney described his thoughts, feelings and observations as he walked across the field to the U.F.O., and then in terror returned to Betty in the car. He said the "leader" made him think of an evil German Nazi because he was all in black, with a black scarf thrown back over his left shoulder. One of the men who had fallen back to the panel, turned and looked over his shoulder. Barney was sure he was trying to be friendly. "I don't know why, but he made me think of a round faced, red haired Irishman." Barney said, "He's telling me, "Don't be afraid." I can see it in his face. No his lips are not moving, he's just looking at me and telling me not to be afraid." This session ended when Barney remembered running in terror back to Betty and the car.

In the next session he continued by telling of noticing he was not on the right road, and he drove into a road block of six men dressed alike, in a well lit area. "They came toward me and I went up an incline. My eyes are closed because I am being told to keep them closed. They were carrying me up this incline, but my feet are dragging on the ground. They are by my side, and I have a funny feeling because I knew they were holding me, but I couldn't feel them. I felt like I was floating, suspended, and I opened my eyes. I saw a hospital operating room, all pale blue. I was lying on a table and I thought someone was putting a cup around my groin, and then it stopped. I'm getting off the table, and I've got a grin on my face and am greatly relieved. I am walking and I am being guided. My eyes are closed, but when I open them, there is the car, and Betty is coming down the road. She gets in the car, and I am grinning at her and she is grinning at me. I'm thinking it isn't too bad. How funny, I had no reason for fear."



Dr. Simon: "They saw SOMETHING..."

Dr Simon is Sceptical

Dr Simon was sceptical, but when this session was over he was beginning to believe that some incident involving a U.F.O., was at least partly responsible for Barney's condition. He was baffled by the details of the abduction. He looked to the next session with Betty in which her experiences and the long journey home might clarify some details.

Brave Betty

Betty's story of the trip was identical to Barney's details until the road block was encountered. She saw men standing in the roadway, ".... these men started to come up to the car in groups." At this point a kind of doze overcame her when the men took them both from the car. She said, "And I turn round and say, "Barney! Wake up!" but he doesn't pay any attention. He keeps on walking. One of the men said, "Don't be afraid, we are not going to hurt you." Only one spoke. He had a sort of foreign accent. We kept walking, and we came to a clearing and the object was there. I think it was the same one I had been watching in the sky.

They are taking me up to the object, but I don't want to go in it. The man said to go on, and the two beside me took my arms. We go inside and up a corridor into a room. I turn around and am waiting for them to bring Barney in. But they lead Barney past the door where I'm standing. I say, "What are you doing with Barney? Bring him in here." The man says, "No, we only have equipment enough in one room to do one person at a time, and if we took you both in the same room it would take too long." Another man comes in and I think he is the doctor. They push up the sleeve of my dress, and they look at my arm. They have a machine like microscope

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with a big lens. I have an idea that they are taking a picture of my skin. They take something like a letter opener, only it isn't, and scrape my arm. They take something like cellophane or plastic, and scrape some flakes of skin on to this plastic. The examiner opens my eyes and looks into them with a light, then my mouth, my teeth, my throat, my ears. Then he takes something like a swab and puts it in my left ear, and then on to another piece of plastic. They also pull out a couple of strands of my hair. He takes something and goes under my fingernail, and then cuts off a piece of nail. The examiner tells me to take off my dress. I do so, and lie down on the table on my back, and he brings over some equipment. There is a whole cluster of needles, and each needle has a wire going from it. They touch me with the needles. It doesn't hurt at all. He puts it on my knee and my leg jumps, then on my feet and my ankle. They ask me to roll over on my stomach, and they do the same all over my back. I roll back and the examiner has a long needle in his hand. I ask him what is he going to do with it. He just says he wants to put it in my navel, it's a simple test. I tell him no, it will hurt. "Don't do it, don't do it!" I'm crying and I'm telling him, "It's hurting. Take it out! Take it out!" and the leader comes over and rubs his hand in front of my eyes and says that it will be alright, I won't feel it. The pain goes away. But I'm sore from where they put that needle. I asked him why he did it, and he said that it was a pregnancy test. I said that I didn't know what they expected, but that was no pregnancy test, and he didn't say anymore. I put my dress on and said, "I can go now? I can go back to the car?" He said that Barney wasn't ready yet. I started talking to the leader, and said that it had been quite an experience that no one would ever believe, and that I needed some proof that this had really happened. He laughed and said, "What kind of proof did I want?" I said that he could give me something to take back with me. He told me to look around. On the cabinet was a fairly large book, and I asked for it. He told me to look in the book. It had pages and writing I had never seen before. It did not go across but up and down. It wasn't English. It was different, it had sharp lines, some thin, some were medium, and some were heavy. It had dots, straight lines and curved lines. The leader laughed and

asked me if I could read it, and I said no, but this was going to be my proof that this happened. He said I could have it and I was delighted. So then I said that I knew he was not from Earth, so where did he come from? He asked me if I knew anything about the Universe, and I told him that I knew practically nothing. He went across the room and pulled out a map and asked me if I had ever seen such a map before. There were all these dots scattered all over it. Some as small as pinpoints, and some as big as a nickel, and lines going from one to the other. There was one big circle with a lot of lines coming out from it, a lot of lines going to another circle quite close but not as big, and there were heavy lines. I asked him what they meant. He said that the heavy lines were trade routes, the other solid lines were places they went to sometimes, and the broken lines were expeditions. When I asked where was his own home port, he said, "Where are you on the map?" I looked, then laughed, and said that I didn't know. So he said, "If you don't know where you are then there is no point in my telling you where I am from." And he put the map away. Suddenly some men come in with the examiner, and they are excited. The examiner opens my mouth and tugs at my teeth, and I ask what they were doing. The examiner said that Barney's teeth came out, but mine did not. I was laughing saying that Barney had dentures. They asked me what are dentures?" In her explanation, Betty used the term *old age*. They asked what was *old age*? In explaining this, Betty used the word *years*, and they asked what was a *year*? She then declared herself to be a *limited person* for answering their questions, and that there were other people in this country that would be very happy to answer all their questions. Betty then said that she wouldn't know where to meet him when he came back. He laughed and said, "Don't worry, if we decide to come back we will be able to find you. We always find those we want to." Betty says, "I hear Barney coming and we can go back to the car. I've got the book, and about to go down the ramp when some of the other men, not the leader, are talking excitedly. The leader comes over and takes the book. I'm furious. I said, "You promised that I could have the book." He said that the others object. When I said, "But this is my proof." He said, "That was the whole point. They

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don't want you to know what has happened. They want you to forget." (Betty is now screaming with emotion), "I won't forget about it! You can take the book but you can never make me forget! I'll remember if it's the last thing I do!" He laughs and says, "Maybe you will remember, but I hope you won't. It won't do you any good if you do because Barney won't. It would be better if you forgot it anyway." I am standing by the side of the ramp, and I'm not so mad now. They have taken Barney ahead. The leader walked some of the way with me, and I again said that I wished I had something as proof. He said that he was going to leave me here and that he was sorry that I was badly frightened at the beginning. I went to the car and Barney was in it, but he was still in a daze with his eyes open. The object starts glowing and gets brighter and brighter. Now it rises and goes down, and there is a dip, and then zoom, it keeps going further away. Barney starts the car, and I'm just so happy."

Play Back Session

Betty and Barney approached the final session knowing they were going to hear some of the tapes. By this method, Dr Simon expected to raise the experience of the two lost hours to their conscious level. He anticipated that they would then recall additional facts and details. This was so. Barney immediately remembered more detail, and at the

end of this session, could not separate which detail came before or after the hypnosis. The journey had become one continuous memory, including the two hours previously lost to him.

Dr. Simon's Summary

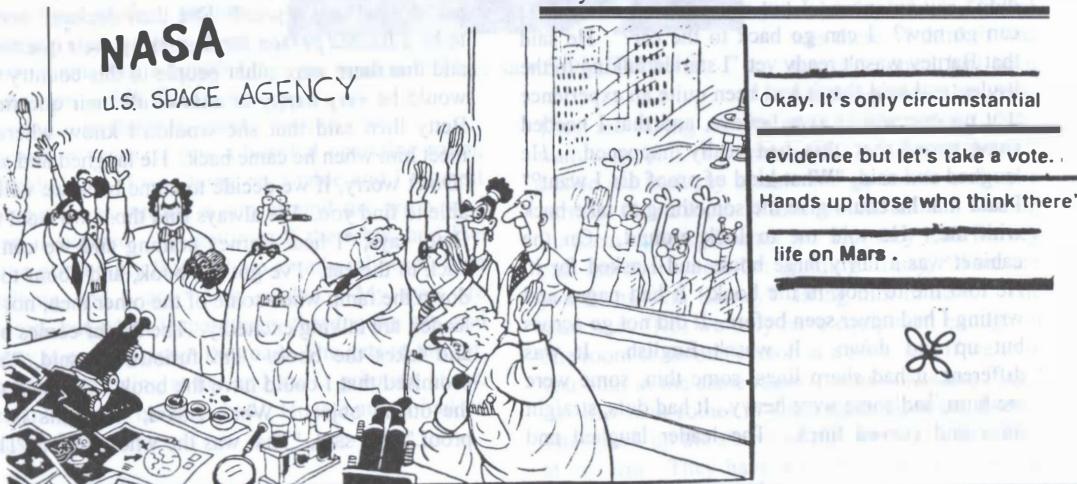
Early in his work with the Hills, Dr Simon concluded that they were speaking the truth as they saw it. He also felt it highly improbable that both Betty and Barney could be suffering so markedly similar hallucinations. He explored in detail the possibility that their experience was an illusion. As the sessions drew to a close, the question of illusion or reality dominated the discussions. Dr Simon pointed out that he was not going to say it was either. Ultimately, the acceptance or non acceptance of the occurrence would have to rest with the Hills.

The Book

John G. Fuller published this story with details of the tapes, illustrations and photographs under the title "The Interrupted Journey." (Dial Press)

Our Investigation

Our chief investigator, Paul Norman, spoke with Betty Hill during a visit to the U.S.A. after this story was released.



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IN MEMORY OF BETTY CASH 1929-1998

We mourn the passing of Betty Cash. On December 29, 1998, Betty died of health problems associated with the injuries that were caused by her close encounter with a UFO exactly eighteen years earlier, December 29, 1980. During the intervening years, Betty suffered more than anyone can imagine. Never a year passed that she wasn't hospitalized and treated for complications arising from that initial extensive radiation exposure. Many times she was placed in a hospital intensive care unit. However, thanks to the excellent care given by doctors such as Dr. Bryan A. McClelland of Alabaster, Alabama, Betty survived to continue her quest for justice. She was a hero, patriot, and martyr.

Betty's problems began when she and her friend and employee Vickie Landrum and Vickie's grandson Colby were driving along a dark, narrow road near Huffman, Texas. It was just before 9 p.m. and the road was deserted. The first indication of something unusual was the presence of a very intense light several miles ahead just above the tall pine trees. Colby noticed it first and urged Betty and Vickie to look. Betty remarked that it was unusually bright but soon lost sight of it due to the many trees along the road.

Then, without warning, the sky seemed to split open and the object came angling down directly in front of them, settling swiftly between the trees just ahead of them and over the highway. It was a huge, diamond-shaped, brightly-lit vehicle and it was so hot they were afraid to attempt to go under it. Betty brought the car to a halt, not knowing this event would change their lives forever.

The car heated quickly, forcing Betty and Vickie to open the doors. Vickie stood briefly outside but quickly returned to the safety of the car to hold and console a terrified Colby. Betty, determined to get a better look, shielded her eyes with her arm and inched forward along the side of the car. Betty was fully exposed to the heat from the object for several minutes.

As the object flew away from the scene, the trio noticed helicopters flying near it. Later, they were to stop the car a bit further down the road and count as many as 23 helicopters, many of them with twin rotors on top. Several other people in the area also reported seeing the helicopters, as well as the object, in the sky that night.

As they proceeded homeward bound, they were relieved to get away, believing they had safely survived this very frightening event. Unfortunately, that was not the case. Before the night was over, they all started showing signs of medical problems.

Betty had a headache by the time she arrived home and was content to sit in a chair and recover. Unfortunately, she got worse, rather than better. During the next few hours her skin showed severe redness and she developed water blisters on her head and face. By morning she was extremely ill and couldn't get out of bed. Right after the New Year holiday, she was taken to a hospital in Houston, because she couldn't eat or drink. The hospital treated her as a burn patient. Now knowing what caused the problems, they ran a full battery of tests establishing a health status baseline for Betty. That would prove to be valuable later.

Betty remained in the hospital until January 19. She went home, believing she would get better, but had to be readmitted on January 25. During that period she lost much of her hair, continued to have horrible headaches, fought skin conditions caused by the burns, and had trouble eating and retaining food due to vomiting and diarrhea.

In February, when Betty left the hospital again, her wonderful mother Pauline Collins came to Houston to take Betty back to Birmingham, Alabama, to care for her. Fortunately, Betty found excellent medical care in Birmingham and was able to survive many emergency visits to the hospital.

Betty and Vickie, with help from MUFON, attorney Peter Gersten and others, tried valiantly to find out what they had been exposed to and what could be done to offset the effects of the exposure. Hundreds of letters and telephone calls to government officials were either ignored or given little more than lip service. Even after she knew it was too late to get answers that could reverse the damage her body had sustained, Betty fought on. She said it was important for the truth to be known. She didn't want other people to have to go through what she had experienced without having a place to go for help. She was unselfish to the end. Strangely, it was on the 18th anniversary of her close encounter that she gave up the good fight.

Betty had supporters throughout the world, hoping she would win the battle for truth and justice. Even though she didn't win, she did make a dent in the bureaucracy. Even more, she helped a number of medical doctors understand the serious nature of exposure to some UFOs. None of them laughed at Betty and as a result, they will be better prepared to deal with the problem the next time it occurs.

At Betty's and Vickie's request, all of the details of this incident have been chronicled in the book "THE CASH-LANDRUM UFO INCIDENT." Information on how to order this book may be found on my web page at: <http://home.mho.net/schuessler/>.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS - 1998

Recommended cartoon sites on the Internet are as follows:

- <http://members.aol.com/planetROZ> This site features "Roswell", the complete collection.
- <http://www.dashville.com/mi/> Two years of "Mr. Invader," by Justin Stahlman.
- <http://www.express-news.net/stahlman/invaderb/mr.invader> More cartoons by Justin Stahlman.
- <http://www.laughseeds.com/> Some unique cartoons by D.K. Glebe.

Diary Records 1808 UFO Sighting

The March 29, 1978 issue of the Ogdensburg, N.Y. JOURNAL featured an article describing the work of Dr. Judith Becker Ranlett, an historian who teaches at the State University College at Potsdam. While studying the diary of her husband's great-great grandmother as a part of her scholarly research on women's history, she found a first-hand account of a UFO sighting in the early 19th century.

The diary was written by Cynthia Everett, a Massachusetts-born school teacher who taught in Maine during the early 1800s. Born in Rutland, MA, in 1785, she moved to Maine in 1804 with her family and kept the diary between 1804 and 1815, the year she married. The diary remained in the family.

The account is written in a firm hand on yellowing rag paper that is in remarkably good condition. The entry begins as a new paragraph to her recollections of the events of July 22, 1808. It is quite unrelated to the paragraph that proceeds it.

"About 10 o'clock I saw a very strange appearance. It was a light which proceeded from the East. At the first sight, I thought it was a Metier, but from its motion I soon perceived it was not. It seemed to dart at first as quickly as light; and appeared to be in the atmosphere, but lowered toward the ground and kept on at an equal distance sometimes ascending and sometimes descending. It moved round in the then visible horizon. (it was not very light) and then returned back again, nor did we view it till it was extinguished."

That is the only passage in the entire diary that mentions the sighting, according to Dr. Ranlett. She finds it significant that Cynthia Everett did not explain what she witnessed as a natural phenomenon, since she was well-educated and had first-hand knowledge about the night sky. "She was the kind of person who would have explained it as natural phenomenon, if she could have." (Credit: Bob Pratt).

1941 Cape Girardeau, Mo. UFO Crash

Leonard H. Stringfield recounted the story of Charlotte Mann, a Texas woman whose grandfather, the Rev. William Huffman, was the pastor of Red Star Baptist Church from 1941 to 1944. Mann told Stringfield her grandfather got a call one spring night from police asking him to accompany them to the site of an airplane crash outside of town in case the victims needed a clergyman.

"A car was sent to get him, but grandmother said it wasn't a police car," Mann said. When Huffman got to the crash scene, Mann said, he noticed one piece of the wreckage that appeared to have a rounded shape with no edges or seams," and a "very shiny metallic finish."

"Police officers, "plainclothes men" and "military officers were already at the scene sifting through the wreckage, Mann said. Laid to one side of the scene were "three bodies, not human," she recounted. "It was hard for him to tell if they had on suits or if it was their skin, but they were covered head to foot in what looked like wrinkled aluminum foil," Mann said. "He could see no hair on their bodies and they had no ears. They were small framed like a child, about 4 feet tall, but had larger heads and longer arms." Their faces had "large, oval-shaped eyes, no noses, just holes and no lips, just small slits for mouths," Mann said. Huffman was told by one of the military officers at the scene not to tell anyone what he had witnessed for security reasons, Mann told Stringfield. Huffman told his wife, Floy and their two sons what he had seen when he returned home from the crash site but never spoke of it again, said Mann.

Huffman died in 1959. His wife, who died in 1984, told Mann the story. A few weeks after the crash, Huffman was apparently given a photograph of two men holding one of the corpses found at the scene. Mann's father loaned the photo to a friend but never saw it again.

The full text of this report can be found in a CSETI report at:
<http://www.cseti.org/crashes/007.htm>

Another UFO on Gun Camera Film

Peter B. Davenport, Director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, received a telephone report at 3:20 a.m. on March 14, 1997, relating to the UFO sightings over Phoenix. The text of the Caller's report is as follows:

" That's correct. Uh, the, Luke Air Force Base is actually in Litchfield. I'm, I'm, ah..I got off shift about 30 minutes ago. At, uh, 8:15, ah, the F... "Ready Alert" at Luke Air Force Base, which is the F-15...two F-15s that we keep on "Ready Alert"...They're part of the Air Force One and Air Force Two "Protection Group"...to protect 'em when they come west of the Rockies, when ever the President or any dignitary is on board.

"They were launched because...all Hell broke loose, basically. Apparently, we got a call from, ah, Prescott Valley Airport, a small airport, um, north of us...I'm sorry, northwest. And reporting an object that had a near miss with a small Cessna...aircraft.

"The call came up once - "Ready Alert." Approximately 8:32, uh, from my understanding, that they encountered something over the sky,...over Phoenix, Arizona, over the area of 7th Avenue and Indian School road.

"They don't know what it was. The description that the pilot...one of the pilots stated that they had a visual on it, they've got gun camera film of it, they have no radar tape of it. It scared the hell out of them. I've never seen...this (rank/name deleted) I'm talking about, he, uh,...the command pilot of this particular flight, he'll never talk to you. He's a real professional. I've never seen this man, oh...I've never seen this man scared.

"Are you familiar with the term, "white noise"...blanking out radar? My understanding is, that's what they got, was strictly white noise.

He concluded the report by saying the pilot was scared to death. "He's not sure what it was. After they landed, the base was...we had a complete "lock down." The facility was closed.

The full text of the report can be found at:
<http://www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr/CB970313a.html>

Aircraft gun cameras were actively used throughout WWII and ever since. Many pilots have stated they had gun camera "lock-on" during UFO interceptions. Further they claim the films were taken from their aircraft and were never seen again.

This means that gun camera films of UFOs in flight are an untapped resource of solid UFO information, certified by the fact that the films are owned by various governments of the world. While release of one film would be valuable, a study of 1,000 or more cases would be extremely valuable. This study could be undertaken if UFO researchers would pool their reports and identify specific aircraft flights/UFO incidents to pursue. Admittedly, many of the pilots listed in the older reports have passed on but their records may still be available.



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SIGHTING ON THE USS FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

By Franklin Carter

This is an interview I conducted for my radio program Space Craft News. Mr. Grusinski has been trying to find other people on the flight deck of the **USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA-42** the night he had his sighting. He wants to validate his experience. We thank him for talking with us and if anyone knows anything about this sighting please give me or him a call.

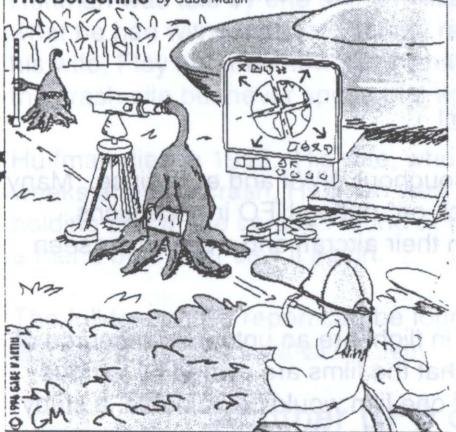
Interview with Chester Grusinski

FC: We're talking with Chester Grusinski. Chet, how about telling us where you were and what you were doing when you had this sighting?

CG: Okay, we were down by Guantanamo Bay (Cuba) Naval Base. It was around 1958, September or October. I was down below decks. A bunch of men were running' up topside to the other decks and a buddy of mine bends down and says, "Hey, Red ('cause I had me a lot of red hair then), hey, Red, why don't you go up and see what's goin' on? So I followed a second bunch of men running' up to the flight deck, and we're watching a little light that's followin' our ship. It was



The Borderline by Gabe Martin



dark out and we had no light off then. And then instead of approaching our ship, it all of a sudden just came right at us. and I could see the row of windows and figures in there watching us. The impression I got was the little figures that were watching our ship were not human beings. Then they walked away from the windows, the object turned like a red-orange color, like somebody puttin' a blowtorch on it, and just took off, and meanwhile, the bridge watch was screaming on the ship's intercom for the officers on deck to get up there on the double, and I also found out later on that we lost power, the ship's main engines stopped for some unknown reason. Years later, after I had gotten out of the Navy, I was trying to find some of those other men that were on deck that night with me, when I found out about other UFO sightings on that same ship in 1952-53, 1956. Some of those people had to sign papers that they would not discuss this thing with anyone for the next 20 years. The time limit for the information they wrote out on those sightings expired in 1976, so they were allowed to talk about it after that. And I found out this was the first US Navy Aircraft Carrier authorized to carry nuclear weapons then, including the H-bomb. I just wonder if that had something to do with it?

FC: That's an interesting thought, because they seem to have zeroed in on our nuclear missile sites. There's been an awful lot of reports over the years, and also the nuclear power plant areas. They've had a lot of sightings in those areas. Now, when you had this sighting, this was--you were at sea...

CG: Right, we were on a shake-down cruise.

FC: You were on a shake-down cruise, that's where they take a new ship and run it through all its paces...

CG: We were docked at the New York shipyards, New York Navy Yards because it was overhauled. Ships get overhauled every two or three years, and then there's a shakedown run after that, you know.

FC: Yeah. Now, you have been out of the Navy for a long time....

CG: Yeah, I've been out since 1960, and I've been trying to find people for quite a while. It started around, well, I went to the downtown library about 1965, but around 1977-78 I read in a newspaper clipping that a citizen's group called CAUS had hired a New York law firm to go after the CIA and our government in a court battle over releasing this top-secret information, going back as far as 1947. I found out it was the same law firm that defended the Watergate defendants, so I sent them a letter to see if they could help me get documentation about my sighting. But he couldn't help me with it; they tried several times, and I contacted other researchers, and by doing that, I found out about other UFO

sightings on the same ship. I also contacted a reunion group several years later and found the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt had been decommissioned. And I found out about the other witnesses and different time periods of sightings on the same ship.

FC: Well, how about going back over your sighting for just a minute. It started out as a light that you saw?

CG: Yeah, a little light that was following the ship, and I'm wondering why do these guys watch this light that's following this ship? And I see they're approaching our ship like that. And it came in there, close enough I could see through these windows that are as big as hatches, I could feel the heat on my face is how close it got, you know? I could actually feel it. And there's a bunch of men out there--there could have been 25 men out there, could have been more. I don't know, I wasn't countin' heads. All I know is, I was just fixated with watchin' this object comin' at us like that, and people in the super structure--you're familiar with what that is on a ship, it's pretty high, and I believe they got a better look at it than I did, but they're screaming for somebody to get up there, an officer, to get up there right away on the double, but they're pretty darned excited.

FC: Well, now, what was the shape of this....

CG: It was like a cigar shape. See, what happened is, it was like a row of windows. It was dark out, but I could see in the windows, but when the thing turned a red-orange color, like somebody puttin' a blowtorch on it, that's when I could see the shape, like a cigar shape, and it just took off after that.

FC: Well, now, that's a really interesting sighting, and again, that was before they started debunking sightings, and I'm sure that there's probably somebody out there that was on deck with you that night that you'd like to talk with, so could you tell 'em how to get up with you?

CG: Oh, my address?

FC: Sure, or your phone number, whatever you prefer.

CG: My address is 19780 Vermander Street. That's in Clinton Township, Michigan. Phone number is area code 810/791-8322.

FC: And you'd like to talk to any ex-military that was on that ship along that time or at any other time when they had a sighting aboard the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt.

CG: Right. Yeah, I'm puttin' all that stuff together, but I'm mostly interested in people on the flight deck with me on that day in 1958. That night, who were up there. It was very interesting, and I just can't--I don't have anybody that was on the flight deck.

FC: Well, hopefully, some of our listeners will respond to this who are maybe out there and saw it, or maybe knew somebody that did, and we'll give you a call. I really--we're out of time, but I really appreciate you coming and sharing this story with us, and hopefully we'll be able to find somebody to help you continue your research, and if you find some more information, we'd like to talk to you again. I really do thank you for

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<http://www.frii.com/~iufor/>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

The 20th Rocky Mountain UFO Conference
 University of Wyoming,
 Laramie, Wyoming, June 17 - 20, 1999

We're already well into the plans next year's conference! Invited speakers (not all confirmed at this date) are Richard Haines, Lyssa Royal Holt, Jack "Kewaunee" Lapseritis, Edith Fiore, and Jim Marrs, plus others to be announced in our next issue.

Arrangements have been confirmed with the University of Wyoming for the third weekend in June (same as this year), in the Crane building (we liked the room size and the padded chairs!).

If you missed the last conference, you definitely won't want to miss this one! It's not too early to commit your summer vacation plans now to include this unique event!

As plans develop and more speakers are confirmed, details will also be posted on our web page at:
<http://www.frii.com/~iufor/>

Sighting Report

What led me to find out about this case was another incident I was investigating. Ms. O'C as she will be known, witnessed a recent sighting. When I initially spoke to her on the telephone she began telling me of a night when she and others were followed by what she claims was a U.F.O.

Sensing this was interesting, despite the case being 12 years old, I asked if I could interview her about that incident and the one I was working on. Ms. O'C was agreeable and the tone of her voice indicated that she wished to share this information. As it was, one of the other witnesses, her daughter R (as she will be known) was present. A perfect scenario had developed.

For morale reasons the mother and daughter stayed together during the interview. This worked somewhat to an advantage as several gaps were filled where one had a deficit of memory.

Piecing together the information it was evident that R had seen the object before her mother and the other occupant of the car to be known as D. There was another occupant. This was Ms O'C's 2-year-old daughter.

R claims to have seen the object in the area described to me as the flats of Glen Aire. It was apparent she did not mention seeing anything until Ms O'C and D became aware of the object in the sand dunes of Castle Cove.

The object was described to me to be in the East of the sky. This is where it stayed for the encounter. They claim the object was between 25° and 30° above the horizon. Or as Ms O'C would describe as being 2 cars on top of each other high!

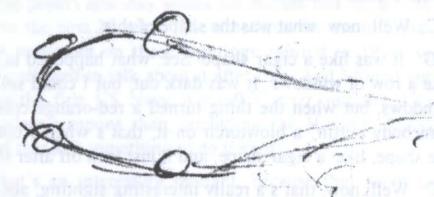
Castle Cove

December 1986

James Kennedy ©

There was no sound and D and Ms O'C who had been viewing the object through the window of their moving vehicle, as they had been driving through the sand dunes, got out of the car once stopped on sealed road.

The object stopped when they did. It was now being viewed with the naked eye. R remained in the vehicle.



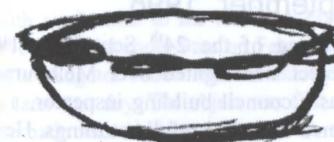
Above is Ms O'C's sketch of the object. She claims it was almost 'fish shaped'. The circles at the front of the craft (the left) represent green non-flashing lights. The mid craft circles represent red non-flashing lights. At the tail Ms O'C claims was a clear light. This was later explained as looking like little stars. The size of the object was equated to that slightly an A.F.L football held at arm length.

Upon returning to the vehicle, they travelled to Lavers Hill. The object stayed with them. This distance transverse is approximately 12.3 kilometres. They reached speeds of up to 80 kilometres. At Lavers Hill they claim the object left their view.

They did not encounter any electrical problems with the car. There was no apparent time loss and no nausea or other ill effects claimed after or during the event.

Sighting - Castle Cove

R also furnished a drawing of the object, as seen below.



Ms O'C is interested to know of any other reports around that time. I do not have an exact

date as the memories of the witnesses have faded on that aspect. I have included the drawings done during the interview.

I consider the witnesses genuine in their retelling of the account. As it was so long ago I can not surmise what they actually saw on that night. So at this stage it does indeed remain an Unidentified Flying Object.

James Kennedy.
Western Regional Area Representative.
V.U.F.O.R.S.

Australian Sighting Reports

26th March, 1960
12:10hrs
Yarralumla A.C.T

This report was received recently. The witness, an experienced radar operator, observed a large object which he believes was a mother ship made of stainless steel or similar metal, possibly tungsten. The large object was accompanied by four smaller objects. The smaller were sphere shaped objects. The objects appeared to be operating under intelligent control from the large object. They were orbiting the "mother ship" at an extreme velocity. Estimated speed was over 2,000 MPH. Observer was watching an aircraft when five objects came into view.

Editors note: Several similar case reports of large objects operating with smaller objects are being posted to this observer to assist him in making further calculations on his specific observation.

Sept. or Oct., 1978
19:00hrs
Winchelsea VIC

Exact date not remembered but it was during the period of UFO activity that occurred just prior to the Frederick Valentich encounter. Report received only a few days ago. Object with smaller lights below, suddenly appeared and hovered over the car travelling about the same speed for a few minutes the sped away at "faster than normal". Two witnesses in car.

13th December, 1998
Early morning
Westgate Bridge,
Melbourne VIC

Observer was crossing over Westgate bridge heading toward the Western Suburbs when a bright blue/silver light came from the Footscray area and shot through the sky lighting up the surrounding area as if day time. It lit up sky in 5-10 KM radius.

The following is a letter, which was forwarded to V.U.F.O.R.S.

"This event took place in the winter of 1995. My husband, R, and son, J were returning home to Healesville after a night out in Melbourne. We were travelling 'the back way' through Eltham. I was driving and J was asleep in the back seat. We were in the bush area between Kangaroo Ground and Christmas Hills when I saw a fairly bright light in the sky. A few thoughts went through my mind. At first I thought it could have been the moon because it seemed to remain stationary ... we were travelling toward it. Then I decided it was too bright for the moon, and far too close. We drew nearer to it, by which time my heart was pounding ... almost as though I knew what it was. I slowed the car to a stop saying to R at the same time, 'Wake J up. If this is what I think it is, he's going to want to see it.'"

We climbed out and watched what had become obvious as a circle of lights. It seemed to be a few hundred feet up, still just in front of us and moving very slowly. It's difficult to estimate but I'd guess it was about the size of a light aircraft. At this point we were at about a 45-degree angle under it and could see a clear circle of plain bright lights. There was no sound. We watched it for several seconds then it began to move quite quickly away to our left with a whooshing kind of sound. We could still distinctly see the circle of lights, but could make nothing else out. It disappeared over the trees and we were left staring incredulously at each other.

J.M.

This account is precisely as I remember the sighting.

R.M.

(Names and addresses supplied.)

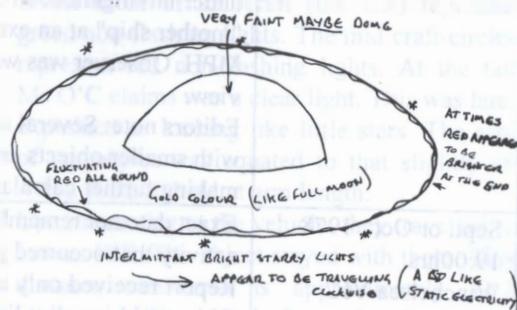
Kangaroo Ground - 1995 & Cannons Creek - September 1998

Cannons Creek

24th September, 1998

On the evening of the 24th September 1998 an unusual object was sighted over Melbourne. The witness was a council building inspector, a person who is trained to look carefully at things. He was in the Cannons Creek area at the time, looking towards the Melbourne metropolitan area. "Bright clear night- very starry- no aeroplanes. From 7.50pm to 8.15pm travelling across Northern sky from East to West, low to horizon. First thought it was rising full moon but then noticed crescent moon high in East. The object did not appear to travel very fast, but travelled a long way in that time (about ½ hour)".

"Impossible to say how large or what shape- at first it appeared to be cigar or football shaped but through field glasses it looked more like a circular object tilted toward me with just a hint of a dome in the middle. I got my wife out of bed to come and verify what I saw! I think it was probably a long way from me, maybe further than Central Victoria, maybe over the "Dandenongs".



To the naked eye it was about the size of the rising full moon and same colour but with 7x50 field glasses it appeared very very large. Not drunk- two light stubbies 2 hours before....L.M.

(Name and address supplied.)

TASMANIAN UFO REPORT -

1998

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7 February 1997. Westbury.

MYSTERY CIGAR RETURNS?

A sighting with similarities to the Northern Flap of May/June 1996 occurred about 9am on February 7th at Westbury. Investigator Jacob Willard interviewed the witnesses later that day. The object was first seen by C from the bathroom window, calling to his older sister they then went out into the garden for a better view. A white cigar with some grey below was visible in the clear blue southern sky, it was moving slowly from west to east. Young C ran off to find some binoculars. His sister continued to watch as it suddenly changed to a vertical position.

28 April 1997. Lyell Highway.

LIGHTS UPSET MOTORIST

A motorist and his passenger returning to the West Coast encountered some unexplained lights on the high half way between Gretna and Hamilton in the Derwent Valley. About 7.50pm they noticed a red light with a whitish glow about in the northern sky, the light seemed to be moving about a bit. Then the light came down sharply at a 45 degree angle, it now looked to have red and green pulsating lights which were moving around. The passenger had the impression there was a dome shaped area above the lights. The lights were now to their right and looked to be some 20m above the trees. The driver of the car slowed right down, opening his window for a better view. The presence of the lights made the witnesses a bit scared so they drove off stopping further down the road. The lights were last seen going down behind the trees and were no longer visible.

BRONTE LIGHTS 22nd September 1997

A fisherman and his friend saw an array of lights from Bronte Lagoon just after midnight on September 22nd. The fisherman who has been visiting the area for 15 years had never seen anything like it before. There were 4 large lights in an arrow head formation low in the eastern sky. The lights were red, white, green, and yellow in colour. A brilliant red light was at the top of the four lights. The lights slowly changed formation into a vertical line of lights, than soon after they reverted to the arrow formation. As it was so late the witnesses observed the lights for some 15 minutes before retiring for the night. The witness had observed the sky on previous and subsequent nights but saw nothing to account for the sighting.

It then made an instant increase in speed descending straight down and being lost from view behind nearby buildings. The object made no noise and left no vapour trail. The sighting lasted 3 to 4 minutes in excellent viewing conditions.

A number of cases from the West Tamar and Launceston area in 1996 also involved a white cigar to pencil like shape, all the sightings occurring on days with clear blue skies. In some cases the object was seen in a vertical position, whilst its disappearance at times seemed to be instantaneous.

15TH November 1997

MORE LIGHTS IN THE HUON

It was late on a fine Saturday night that M and her friend saw something puzzling from a house near Glen Huon. M was inside watching TV when a bright flash at the window caught her attention. She and her friend on looking out could see just above the hills to the north a large circle of light two or three times the size of the moon. In a matter of seconds the light shrank down to almost nothing then swelled back up to its original size. In a few more seconds it had once more grown to its original size before just appearing to vanish in front of the witnesses eyes.

Again within a few more seconds a line of white lights just appeared across the top of the hill to the north of the Huon River. M said it was hard to place the exact location of the lights, they seemed to be visible through trees atop the hill and in fact may have been over the valley beyond. The lights had a bit of a flicker maybe due to the intervening bush. Both witnesses agreed there were a lot of lights and they were in horizontal line, maybe a hundred or more? At this time they noticed two cars had stopped on the North Huon Road across the valley. They assumed the occupants had also seen something.

After about 3 to 4 minutes the lights just went out, almost as if they had all been turned off at the same time. Soon after, a beam of light was seen on a clearing on the hill, this it was later ascertained was the owner of the land who had noticed a bright glow over the hill and had gone to "look about". M also visited the hillside some days later but could find nothing to account for the lights. The owner advised her that no one else had been up there that night as the access road is locked.

Tasmanian Sightings

23 June 1997. West Coast

FISHERMAN SIGHT LIGHTS

Point Hibbs on Tasmania's West Coast is a very lonely spot frequented only by fishermen and the odd bushwalker. J and his father had anchored for the night close in the shelter of Bird Island, a small island just south of Point Hibbs. J was on deck when he first spotted a group of three lights out to the west at about a 20 degree elevation. The top light was red with two green lights below. Around the lights was a glowing area of light. Altogether the lights covered an area of about a 3/4 moon. J called his father up to see the lights which were watched off and on by the witnesses for the next couple of hours.

The lights lost elevation during the period they were under observation and moved more to the north. At various times erratic movement was noted by J. The lights looked to move sideways, then performed a large anti-clockwise circle a number of times. Whilst moving on one circle the lights suddenly shot across from the one o'clock position to the 7 o'clock position.

Eventually the lights were low on the horizon, they moved down behind the hump on the island then back up again on a number of occasions before being finally lost from sight.

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SIGHTINGS

CHRISTIES BEACH 17 AUGUST 1998

M D Hamilton and D W McLaughlin were attracted to two objects seen from the Esplanade at Christies Beach from 3:30am on 17 August 1998. One, a triangular object approximately the size of small trucks had three lights that were visible to the pair. The object, which were first thought to be boats started moving radically and their lights began to strobe. They first saw the object travel between Port Stanvac and a cargo/oil ship. As a former deep see fisherman one of the observers was aware of the correct nautical light formation and was surprised when it travelled in a direction contrary to its navigation lights. After moving 'backwards' the object zig-zagged toward the horizon and disappeared at which point the horizon was brighter than it should have been for that time of night.

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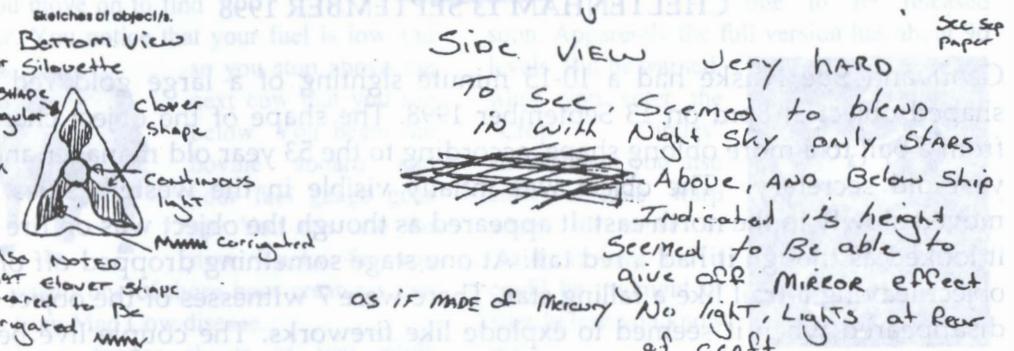
10th September 1997

SOMETHING IN HUON SKY

It was school holidays and P of Port Huon had her friend over for the night. They were sleeping that night in the lounge room but having a talk first whilst lying down. It was about 10.30pm that P noticed a big light, large enough to have a boomerang type shape to it. The boomerang was multi coloured, being at various times, blue, yellow, green, and red. P and her friend were both amazed and scared, especially when P's friend pointed out a similar boomerang light close by in the sky. The first light let off a trail of sparks from the left side, they went downwards but faded out. The lights made sudden movements, moving around in an anti-clockwise movement, going up to the left and right, then dropping down again. The two friends watched the lights for some time before picking up courage to race through to call P's mother to come and have a "look".

P's mother reported the girls were excited and wide eyed. She went to the lounge at once but there was no sign of the boomerang lights.

Around 10 minutes later the object reappeared and it looked as though it was aligning itself with a star that was 20 degrees above sea level. The object that they thought was a star started to move and then the two objects began to 'communicate' strobing their lights in a morse code style. Moments later the triangular shaped object started darting around and tilted from horizontal to vertical and the shot down toward the ocean and instantaneously returned to its original position leaving a trail of green lights on its flight path. The objects disappeared and about 15 minutes later the triangular object came back and spectacularly flew directly over the sightseers. The object, which the men estimate was travelling at between 15-20 km/h was roughly 150-200 feet above them. On the underneath of the craft they were amazed by amazed by a large light in the middle of the craft which was shaped like a three leaf clover. The clover shape appeared that it could extend and retract. The object was observed until it disappeared over the Adelaide Hills.



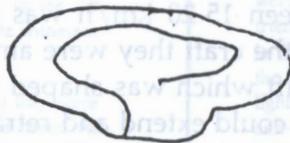
MODBURY 6 SEPTEMBER 1998

Kym Aklan, a 37 year old helicopter pilot from Modbury had a six minute sighting from 12:28 am on 6 September 1998. The round orange object was sighted with binoculars 70 degrees above the horizon north of north west. The object exhibited no signs of navigational lights at all. Kym obtained the official weather from the Department of Meteorology which featured strato-cumulus cloud at 750 metres, the object was just below the cloud base and appeared as the size of a golf ball to the naked eye. The objects orange glow was seen on the clouds above. The slow moving object eventually disappeared over the horizon.

CAPE JERVOIS 12 SEPTEMBER 1998

21 year old Sales Clerk Shannon Pitts of Morphett Vale was travelling between Cape Jervois and Rapid Bay between 11:30pm and midnight on 12 September 1998 when he had a brief sighting. A bright green object was visible for 3-5 seconds against the black sky.

"After the object disappeared my eyes watered continuously for 10-15 minutes for no apparent reason."



CHELTENHAM 13 SEPTEMBER 1998

Geoff and Sue Nuske had a 10-15 minute sighting of a large gold/red ball shaped object at 8pm on 13 September 1998. The shape of the object changed from a ball to a more oblong shape, according to the 53 year old manager and 51 year old secretary. The object was initially visible in the western skies and moved slowly to the north east. It appeared as though the object was on fire and it looked as though it had a red tail. At one stage something dropped off of the object leaving a trail like a falling star. There were 7 witnesses of the object that disappeared when it seemed to explode like fireworks. The couple live below the flight path of Adelaide Airport and are adamant the object was not a conventional aircraft.

HALLETT COVE - 2 NOVEMBER 1998

Hallett Cove technician Steve Arnold, 46, noticed an orange light in the north eastern skies at 8:05pm on 2 November last year. A black dome shape on top of the bright orange light was evident. Steve's wife also saw the object which at first they thought was an aircraft. The silent object was roughly the same size as surrounding stars. Steve grabbed his binoculars and went onto his balcony to get a closer look. The object's flight path was directly overhead and over a 12-15 minute period the object slowly disappeared over the horizon. Steve was dissuaded from presuming the object to be an aircraft by the uniformity of the light and also its shape. "I have spent a lot of time in aircraft over the past 30 years and I know a plane or helicopter when I see/hear them." Steve says.

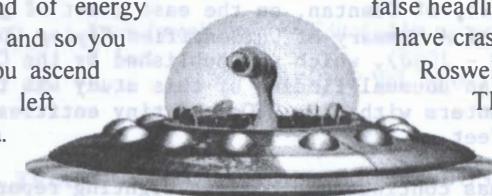
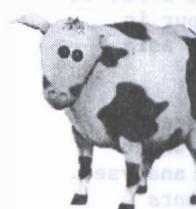
What Next

by G. Simpson

CROP CIRCLES™ Escape from Planet 3

Imagine you are an alien and you are flying over farmland in your flying disk, you see a small yellow patch on the ground which represents a special kind of energy field you must neutralise and so you touch down on it. As you ascend you notice you have left behind a small burnt area.

You are not concerned and you move on to find another. You notice that your fuel is low and



so you stop above the next cow that you see below. You beam the bovine aboard and your fuel gauge goes up. You are safe for now. Lucky for you that it wasn't one of those poor creatures that suffers from Mad Cow disease.

Suddenly a farmer shoots at you while shouting "Where's Daisy, where's Daisy?" You continue on because you must....You

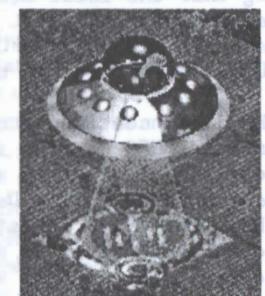
have been playing the new computer game "CROP CIRCLES".

I thought it was a lot of fun, especially the false headlines that come up once you have crashed your saucer. Based on Roswell etc.

The version I tried out was a share-ware version with only three levels. It's due to be released

soon. Apparently the full version has about 90 levels. But be warned, when you enter the "Crop Circles" environment you also enter a time warp where all sense of reality is lost, and it could be midnight or later before you know it!

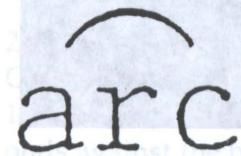
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UFO RESEARCH IN MALAYSIA by Mark Moravec

During July 1998, I was able to meet with Malaysian UFO researcher, Ahmad Jamaludin, in his home city of Kuantan, on the east coast of peninsular Malaya. Ahmad Jamaludin is the author of *A Summary of Unidentified Flying Objects and Related Events in Malaysia (1950 - 1980)*, which was published by the Center for UFO Studies, USA, in 1981. An unusual finding of this study was that many Malaysian CE3 cases featured encounters with tiny UFOs and tiny entities, measuring in the inches rather than the feet.

Since that time, Ahmad has continued to compile sighting reports from his region. The finding about small objects and entities still holds. He finds it frustrating that the local media tend to either ignore the UFO subject or not treat it seriously. The first Malaysian UFO Conference was held in Kuala Lumpur in December, 1995. A UFO organisation was also formed: UFO Research in Asia (UFORIA), but it has unfortunately not endured.*

Ahmad has continued to self-publish several UFO studies. The most recent includes *UFO Reports in Southeast Asia (1800 - 1996)* (January 1997), which contains 86 sighting abstracts from eight countries plus statistical analyses. *Search for a Common Denominator in UFO Manifestations and Seismic Events* (November 1997) investigates straight line and star-shaped alignments and postulates that UFOs and seismic events are triggered by a common external source. He has also written for popular UFO magazines (see *Alien Encounters*, October 1997).

I asked Ahmad if his views on the nature of UFO phenomena had changed over the years. He replied no, that he still considers UFOs to originate from an external, extraterrestrial source. Being a Muslim, he also believes that the stories of the jinn (the traditional supernatural beings of Arabic/Islamic lore) are also related to UFO entities.

It was a pleasure to meet with Ahmad Jamaludin and to learn more about the UFO experience in neighbouring Asia. He would particularly like to correspond with other researchers who have worked on the prediction of UFO waves and on possible seismic connections. (Address: Ahmad Jamaludin, Makmal Veterinar, Jabatan Sumber Haiwan, 25100 Kuantan, Pahang, Malaysia. E-mail: foxbat@tm.net.my).

* Subsequent to my visit, Ahmad Jamaludin and a colleague have created the Malaysian UFO Network (myufonet) and plan to produce a monthly newsletter. The internet address of the new organisation is <http://www.malaysians.com/myufonet>.



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Europe UFO Sightings Continue To Be Plentiful - From Orbs To Triangles

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TRIANGULAR UFO SIGHTED IN LONDONDERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

On Thursday, September 10, 1998, at 11:30 p.m., Dan H. was driving on Mammoth Road in Londonderry, New Hampshire (population 970) when he "spotted a triangular-shaped formation of three bright white lights over the trees ahead of my car." At first, Dan thought the lights belonged to an aircraft attempting to land in nearby Manchester, N.H., but he "then realized that it was too low and in the wrong direction for the local (airport) landing pattern." "He described the lights as consisting of two high lights and one single light down lower, giving the object the impression of tilting down in the front." The object suddenly 'jumped' over to the left without turning and stopped again. The witness described the motion with a quick sweep of his hand, implying that it was nearly instantaneous. After this he lost sight of the object behind some trees. (Many thanks to Greg St. Pierre and Errol Bruce-Knapp for forwarding this report.)

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JET POWERED FLYING FLAPJACK FLEW IN 1947

Aviation writer Tim Mathews says, US Air Intelligence Report 100-203-79, only recently declassified, makes a number of intriguing comments about flying saucer-type aircraft and notes that some of the sightings in 1947/8 might have related to 'experimental flying wing aircraft.' It also talks about 'jet- equipped aircraft with pancake or flying wing configurations.' Beyond the obvious conclusion that these craft were responsible for sightings – and despite the obvious later change in policy after Soviet discs and similar low aspect ratio aircraft attempted to penetrate the DEW line from the late 1940s onwards – we have always suspected that the heel-shaped objects were in fact evidence that the XF5U-1 Chance Vought 'flying pancake' had flown. This was in relation especially to the Muroc Field 'unknowns' of July 1947 which to this day remains core cases within the field of UFO research. Despite the obvious conclusions, researchers still intend to play their games and live up to the expectations of their belief systems. Fine – may their God go with them. But, AIR 100-203-79 should dispel any doubts that the XF5U-1 flapjack flew. What is so important about this you may ask? Quite simply all the official histories claim that the aircraft never did more than 'taxing tests'. Of course one wouldn't build an advanced aircraft and then just attempt taxing tests(!) but that has been the lie. Paragraph 8 (2) of the document in question says: "Among those which have been operational in recent years are the XF5U-1 'Flying Flapjack.' This was a US Navy aircraft and I suggest that the 'Operation Mainbrace' sightings of 1952 are related to a Navy disc." Need we say more? On the one hand belief and evidence for strange natural phenomena and on the other classified aviation research. Thanks to: Tim Matthews.

DISC PLANES THE SECRET OF THE REAL UFOs

Robert Collins responds to aviation writers Tim Mathew's and Bill Rose who claim UFOs are built by us. From direct personal experience in several R&D major aeronautical weapon system related programs. I have found that many projects that start out as pure "black" eventually go "gray." Gray programs are a mixture of white and black spending. For example, sensitive functional areas such as signature or survivability remain black throughout the life of the program, while for accounting purposes the bulk of the development cost is white. There is black budget money for development of a few experimental craft, but not to deploy squadrons of them. There is a big difference between the drawing board and hardware in terms of billions of dollars. My sources have said that we are having stability problems with these prototype Saucers and have been since the late Seventies early Eighties. These Saucers are Antigravity machines. Big problems with these things that cost allot more than a B2, or F22. We are working on developing and test flying them. However, there are big stability problems controlling the Antigravity field around the Saucer using our own technology not theirs. And you don't "test fly" anything over populated areas: That is a No, No. The Stealth Fighter allegedly also had stability control problems. In fact, the Air Force chose the B-47 over the original Flying Wing because of stability control problems particularly during the bombing run. I wonder if cancellation of these early projects such as the Avrocar could be disinformation as the project may have been determined promising and afterward could have expanded in scope and put into the 'black' areas. Just a theory? The F117 has definite control surfaces as does the Flying Wing, B2 and F22, etc. Those Saucers I saw in person and the ones I have on video tape HAVE NO control surfaces at all! I was close to them with binoculars and you can see it on the daytime videos made in Phoenix. You can see control surfaces on every aircraft we have including the midget that flies out of Area 51. Now when I look at these advanced aircraft I see the obvious. They all have control surfaces. Those Saucers I saw HAD NO and I mean NO control surfaces. You don't hover over Phoenix for 30 to 45 minutes at a time and take off at lighting speed or just "disappear" without any kind of atmospheric control surface. Thanks to Robert Collins

Mass Sightings Of Triangles In Chile Amaze Populace

From Luis C. Sanchez Perry <lsanchez@chilesat.net>

8-24-98

Looks like a massive arrival of UFO's is taking place here in Chile.

Last Wednesday (August 19) between 7 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. UFO's were seen in 75% of Chilean territory (maybe more, yet to confirm). From the city of La Serena (Northern Chile) to Coyhaique (far south in Chile).

In La Serena, a tall object like a building was seen suspended in the air in the desert. The witnesses said that it had two rows of green lights from top to bottom (approximately 30 rows).

Also, a couple traveling towards Ovalle (1 hour from La Serena) saw a bright light in the sky. The UFO made a movement that made visible its long structure like a Cigar. This sighting lasted about 30 minutes.

Over Santiago, a disc shape was seen near a place called La Florida. In Pudahuel, 3 objects were seen, too.

In the cities of Valparaiso and Vina del Mar, a triangular shaped UFO was seen.

Triangular and Cigar shape UFOs were also seen in the cities of Concepcion, Talcahuano, and Puerto Montt.

In Coyhaique, a military base saw a strange cloud moving against the wind and it had internal lights blinking and flashing. At that time, in another nearby military base, two small objects, one red and the other green, flew around a hill four times before vanishing. Here there were more than 100 military witnesses.

Most of these sightings lasted about 10 to 15 minutes.

Just a few minutes ago a military friend called from Coyhaique and told me that yesterday, Friday (August 21) night a 400 meters wide triangular UFO was seen by many people in a region called "Cochrane" (100 KM south of Coyhaique). Local police saw this UFO and got so impressed that they are conducting an official investigation.

That same night near Coyhaique also, a military base while doing night training saw a big ball of light fly over them. As far as my friend knows two pictures were taken and hopes to get copies of them soon.

Saludos, Luis Sanchez Chilean Director Skywatch International email: lsanchez@chilesat.net Fax: (56 2) 219-3314

THE EARLY YEARS

A selection of reports from various magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Columbus, Indiana - July 8, 1959

NICAP Bulletin (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena)

At about 10.30 p.m. three UFOs, which glowed an orange colour, were spotted by James F Baker and his family while driving near Columbus. Baker, a toolmaker and ex-Marine, chase the objects along the highway attempting to get closer. The pulsating UFOs in V-formation were moving slowly at low altitude. At one point they turned sharply to avoid trees then continued parallel to the highway. As Baker pursued them, blinking his headlights, the object crossed ahead of the car and sped away. Two employees of Station WTTV in Indianapolis saw the same formation a few minutes earlier from a point 25 to 30 miles west of the Bakers position. All witnesses agreed the UFOs were silent.

Sapporo, Japan - July 17, 1959

Lighi (Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau)

An object resembling a flying saucer was observed in flight over the Chitose Air Base in south-western Hokkaido on Thursday night. A maintenance worker at the base claimed to have seen the object at around 9.10 p.m. A man on duty at the base control tower also reported seeing a reddish star-like object moving slowly from the south to the north at a height of some 300 feet at the western end of the base.

U.S. Air Force radar was reported to have caught a UFO circling over the base and moving toward the south at around 9.20 p.m. The U.S.A.F. base in Misawa and the U.S. Far East Command in Tokyo were immediately notified.

Red Bluff, California - August 18, 1960

Australian Saucer Record (Australian Flying Saucer Research Society)

Mysterious oval-shaped objects "flying in formation and emitting a red glow" have been reported for a second time in a week by at least 20 observers in Plumas County, northern California. The UFOs were observed on Tuesday night in the little community of Mineral, 30 miles east of where three Californian highway patrolmen reported similar sightings on Saturday night.

The phenomena was reported by three sheriffs deputies, a forester and about twenty holidaymakers at a lodge. One of the deputy sheriffs said the craft were flying in a loose formation glowing a brilliant red-white. "They were dipping and diving and moving at an unbelievable speed", he said. "and the really strange part - they didn't make a sound".

Preston, England - November 12, 1960

LUFORO Bulletin (London UFO Research Organisation)

Eleven thousand pairs of eyes followed the ball as it was kicked high in the air at Preston North End versus Aston Villa football match on Saturday but thousands of eyes failed to follow it down. They had spotted a gleaming mystery object which hovered above Deepdale. The R.A.F. and Meteorological Office were unable to give an explanation. One spectator said "it was round and hovering at a great height. It stayed there for at least a minute then swung to the right and disappeared into the cloud".

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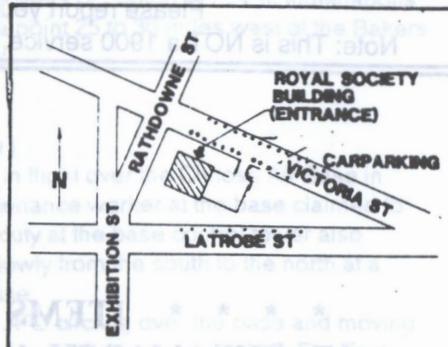
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SOCIETY HISTORY

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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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